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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0415

E. O. 11652: GDDR

TAGS: PFOR PINS LY

SUBJECT: LARAF ATTACK ON U. S. AIRCRAFT

1. TURKISH AMB YIGIT REPORTS HE HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION RECENTLY WITH " A MFA OFFICIAL " RE C-130 INCIDENT AND ASKED HIM IF LIBYA REALLY CLAIMED TERRITORIAL RIGHTS OUT TO MIDDLE OF MEDITERRANEAN. MFA OFFICIAL DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY BUT COMMENTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES IN LA HAVE CLAIMED 200 MILES TERRITORIAL SEAS. YIGIT SAYS HE RECEIVED STRONG IMPRESSION THIS OFFICIAL WAS ON THE DEFENSIVE AND SEARCHING FOR AN EX POST FACTO RATIONALIZATION OF C-130 INCIDENT. ( COMMENT: CONSIDER IT LIKELY YIGIT' S INTERLOCUTOR WAS MFA' S DIRECTOR OF TREATY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS, SULEIMAN ATTIGA, WHO ON CLOSE SOCIAL AND PERSONAL TERMS WITH YIGIT.)

2. YIGIT ALSO SAYS FRENCH AMB GEORGY TOLD HIM THAT  
A) FIRING AT C-130 OCCURRED WHEN MIRAGES WERE AT  
DISTANCE OF ABOUT 1500 METERS; B) THE PILOTS, BOTH  
EGYPTIANS, CLAIMED THEY MISSED BECAUSE CERTAIN  
INSTRUMENTS INOPERABLE OR AT FAULT; C) THE INSTRUMENTS  
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IN QUESTION WERE LATER CHECKED AND FOUND O. K.; D) AS A  
RESULT, BOTH PILOTS ARE SUSPENDED FOR " SUCH MISSIONS,"  
PRESUMABLY MEANING ARMED SCRAMBLE.  
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